

REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to more fully describe the invention (see concurrently filed Letter Re Drawings), claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of claim 7 (now canceled) and to more fully define the inventive method, new claim 9 has been added to define a further aspect of the method of claim 4, and claim 8 has been replaced by new claim 10. Entry is requested.

In the final Office Action of July 9, 2007, the examiner has rejected claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirby, and she has stated that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter.

Based on this latter statement, new claim 10 should be allowed.


However, based on the revisions herein to claim 4, it is believed that claims 4-6 and 9 should be allowed. In this regard, Kirby (which has been summarized previously) does not disclose discharging air into the tank 1 through holes in a bottom wall of the tank located on opposite sides of the inlet opening of the drain line 6.

Favorable reevaluation is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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